

DISTRICT II ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes –January 22, 2001

The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th Street North.

Members Present

Tom Byrne
Michele Chauncey
Charlotte Foster
John Fuller
Alice James
Shirley Jefferson
Mary Herrin
Mike Pompeo
Council Member Pisciotte

Members Absent

David Babich
George Laham

Guests

Kathy Busch
Buddy Dooley

Ken Stuerke
Felicia Wheeler

City of Wichita Staff

Officer Clay Germany, Police
Paul Gunzelman, Public Works
Officer Ronald Hunt, Police

Council Member Joe Pisciotte called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Charlotte Foster (Alice James) moved the agenda be approved as submitted. The motion passed (8-0).

Michele Chauncey (Charlotte Foster) moved the minutes of the December 4, 2000 and the December 18, 2000 meetings be approved as submitted. The motion passed (8-0).

No items were submitted for the unfinished agenda, planning agenda, or the new business agenda.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Ken Stuerke, requested to be heard concerning the consensus reached by the Zimmerly subcommittee. **Stuerke** stated the changes that were suggested by the subcommittee are not needed, and that although consensus was reached, the group was not clear as to what was being proposed.

Council Member Pisciotte thanked **Mr. Stuerke** for his comments and advised him the DAB would be mailing the final comprehensive plan to committee members soon.

The District II Advisory Board will be taking the Zimmerly item under consideration at the February 5th, 2001 DAB meeting. A final recommendation will be made at this meeting.

TRAFFIC AGENDA

1. Robinson Middle School

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works, presented information related to a requested street change. The faculty at Robinson Middle School has requested the City of Wichita change Bleckley Street, east of Robinson Middle School, into a one-way street southbound between 2nd & 3rd Streets. This is being requested in order to help alleviate traffic congestion during school drop off and pick up times.

Robinson has seen a marked increase in the number of students attending the middle school. With this increase in students there has been an increase in the number of cars, as well as buses, used to deliver and pick up students.

Bleckley is the main street used to deliver and pick up students. There are safety concerns with the congestion created by the large number of vehicles using the street.

Officer Ronald Hunt displayed photographs of the street during peak traffic hours. The photos demonstrated how the congestion effectively narrows the street to one lane. Having just one lane for traffic makes it difficult for cars heading in opposite directions to navigate the area.

Council Member Pisciotte asked which neighbors were notified of the requested change. **Pisciotte** also suggested that Hyde Elementary school, which has similar traffic issues, should be notified.

Paul Gunzelman replied that Oliver Street borders the school to the west and a field borders the school to the east. Residents on Bleckley and Coronado Streets between 2nd and 3rd Streets were notified.

Michele Chauncey suggested Crown Heights Neighborhood Association, which borders Robinson to the south, be made aware of the request.

Action Taken: The District II Advisory Board requested broader notification be made to the surrounding areas. Once notification has occurred the item should be returned to the DAB for a recommendation.

BOARD AGENDA

2. District II update

The District II Advisory Board listed various items of interest pertaining to Council District II. These items were not discussed in detail, but mentioned as they might appear on the DAB agenda in the future.

These items included:

- 1) a developing issue concerning streets and maintenance of the right-of-way near Springdale East;
- 2) the purchase of Four-mile Creek Sewer District from Sedgwick County;
- 3) the renovations to Blessed Sacrament Parish;
- 4) the repair of water mains and pipes in College Hill;
- 5) possible plans for the Magdalen Church;
- 6) a review of the Zimmerly subcommittee process;
- 7) the creation of a park near Longview;
- 8) an update on changes to Rock Road near 21st Street North.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Donte Martin
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District II

